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TODAY'S MESSAGE

History was made at Eglin AFB FL Nov 12 when military, state and national officials signed the **Northwest Florida Greenway** agreement.

The agreement establishes the first 7,597 acres of an eventual 750,000-acre corridor stretching from Eglin's eastern border to the Apalachicola National Forest.

The greenway corridor is strategically important to five AF and Navy installations, representing one of the largest open-air military training areas in the country.

The corridor has also been designated an environmental hot spot because of the high number of rare species living in the area. Urban encroachment threatens both military and environmental missions in the area.

The Northwest Florida Greenway is intended to

- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
- Sustain existing military lands and airspace
- Maintain the economic viability of forest lands and provide recreation

DoD employs approximately 80,000 military and civilian people in Florida, with approximately 56% located on military installation in Northwest Florida.

SENIOR LEADERS ARE SAYING...

- 'This **greenway** will help sustain military access to Northwest Florida's unique air, land and water resources for generations to come, while at the same time preserving Florida's diverse environment -- clearly a win-win strategy.' (AF AAC/CV, Nov 03)

IDEAS THAT WORK

For more on the **Northwest Florida Greenway**, go to

- http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/comm/2003/nov/1112_gw_gov.htm
- <http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/florida/press/press1254.html>

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